

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 16-23, 27-35, and 39-47 were examined in the final office action mailed on October 31 2005. A response under 37 CFR § 116 was filed on December 20 2005 and an advisory action dated January 12 2006 maintaining the final rejection dated 5 was received in reply. It is believed that the response under 37 CFR § 116 was not entered.

In response, claims 1, 3, 16, 18, 27, 29, 39 and 41 are sought to be amended, claims 2, 17, 28, 40, and 48-51 are sought to be canceled, and new claims 52-55 are sought to be added. The amendments, additions, and cancellations are believed not to 10 introduce new matter and their entry is respectfully requested. Claims 12-15, 24-26 and 36-38 remain withdrawn from consideration under the applicable restriction practice. Thus, claims 1, 3-11, 16, 18-23, 27, 29-35, 39, 41-47, 52, 54 and 55 are presented for consideration further in view of the following remarks.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

15 It is noted that an IDS listing several references in the 1449 form is submitted along with this paper. Consideration of the IDS and acknowledging the same by signature on the form 1449 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 3-11, 18-23, 29-35 and 41-47 were 20 indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Independent claims 1, 16, 27 and 39 are sought to be amended to respectively include the features of claims 3, 18, 29 and 41 (along with the respective intervening claims 2, 17, 28 and 40) indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, claims independent claims 1, 16, 27 and 39 are placed in condition for allowance.

25 The dependent claims are allowable at least as depending from the corresponding

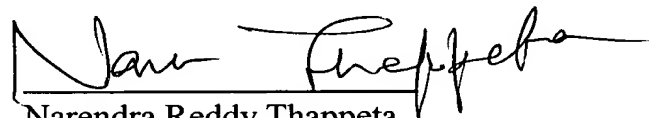
allowable base claim.

Conclusion

30 Thus, all the objections and rejections are believed to be overcome, at least in view of the above amendments and remarks. Continuation of examination is thus respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 17, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nare Thappeta', written over a horizontal line.

Narendra Reddy Thappeta
Attorney for Applicant
Registration Number: 41,416